

XXIV.—*Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, 1910.*

THE Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union for 1910 was held at the house of the Zoological Society of London, 3 Hanover Square (by permission), on May 25th. The Chair was taken by the President, Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Committee, which was then read, announced the continued prosperity of the Union during the past year. The Annual Volume of 'The Ibis' for 1909 (the fifty-first of the whole and the third of the Ninth Series) had been edited by Dr. P. L. Selater, D.Sc., F.R.S., and Mr. A. H. Evans, M.A. It contained 744 pages and was illustrated with 8 coloured plates, 2 maps, and 11 text-figures.

The Jubilee Supplement Volume had also been published early in the year. It contains 268 pages and is illustrated with 43 photographic plates and one facsimile plate.

With much regret the Committee reported the deaths of the following Members since the last Annual Meeting :—

A. Y. Lethbridge, F. D. W. Newcome, Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe, Thomas Southwell, Dr. E. P. Wright, and Dr. H. H. Giglioli.

The following gentlemen had resigned :—Hon. Ian M. Campbell, Col. W. H. M. Duthie, E. W. H. Holdsworth, R. S. Keep, H. H. J. Nicholls, Robert Service, and Colin West; and the names of Major Charles Donovan and K. C. Macdonald had been removed from the List of Members under Rule 6.

At the date of the Meeting the Union consisted of 424 Ordinary Members, 3 Extra-Ordinary, 9 Honorary, 9 Colonial, and 20 Foreign Members.

The Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1909, was then submitted and approved, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. E. Dresser, the Auditor.

The Meeting then proceeded to elect the Officers for the ensuing year, and it was announced that Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., had been re-elected President, and Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote, M.A., F.L.S., Secretary; also that Mr. Edward Bidwell had been elected a Member of the Committee in the place of Mr. Ernest Gibson, who had retired by rotation.

The following thirteen gentlemen were then balloted for and elected Ordinary Members of the Union:—Lt.-Col. Hubert F. Barclay, Dursley, St. Albans; Harry Beeston, Sunnymead, South Street, Havant; The Lord Brabourne, 19 Curzon Street, W.; Charles Chubb, British Museum (Nat. Hist.), Cromwell Road, S.W.; Charles P. Conigrave, F.R.G.S., W. Australian Museum, Perth, W. Australia; Cecil Boden Kloss, F.Z.S., F.R.A.I., Curator of the Perak State Museum, Taiping, Federated Malay States; T. Hastings Lees, M.A., 4 Osnaburgh Terrace, Regent's Park, N.W.; Herbert W. Murray, The Old House, Epsom; Sir Arthur W. Rücker, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S., 75 Victoria Street, S.W.; Harold Russell, F.Z.S., 16 Beaufort Gardens, S.W.; Edward F. Stanford, Cumberland House, Kensington Court, W.; Herbert Stevens, North Lakhimpur P.O., Upper Assam, India; Dr. Robert A. Logan van Someren, Uganda Medical Staff, Kyetumi, Uganda.

The following four ladies were elected Honorary Lady Members:—H.G. The Duchess of Bedford, F.Z.S., Woburn Abbey, Woburn, Beds.; Miss Dorothea M. A. Bate, Wyseby, Ecclefechan, N.B.; Mrs. Margaretta Louisa Lemon, F.Z.S., Hillcrest, Redhill, Surrey; Miss Emma Louisa Turner, F.Z.S., Upper Birchetts, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells.

Mr. James H. Fleming, of Toronto, was elected a Colonial Member of the Union.

Dr. Sclater then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. W. R. Ogilvie-Grant and unanimously agreed to:—

“That the Members of the British Ornithologists' Union have received with great grief the news of the death of their fellow-Member, Mr. Boyd Alexander,

and wish to record their sense of the severe loss which the science of Ornithology has thus experienced.

“That the Secretary be requested to express to Col. B. F. Alexander, and other relatives of Mr. Boyd Alexander, full sympathy with them in the sad loss they have suffered.”

A vote of thanks to the Zoological Society of London for the use of their rooms was unanimously passed and the Meeting adjourned.

After the Meeting the joint Dinner of the British Ornithologists' Union and the British Ornithologists' Club was held at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, and attended by 47 Members and Guests.

XXV.—*Biographical Notice of the late Professor GIGLIOLI.*
By JOSEPH I. S. WHITAKER, M.B.O.U.

THE close of the year 1909 will be sorrowfully remembered by Ornithologists, and in particular by our Brethren of the British Ornithologists' Union, for the sad loss of two of its most prominent and distinguished members.

With the death of Prof. Henry Hillyer Giglioli on the 16th December, and that of Dr. Richard Bowdler Sharpe on the 25th December, 1909, two brilliant careers in the Ornithological World have been brought abruptly to an end, and two life-long records of industrious and indefatigable work in the cause of science have suddenly been arrested.

The results of such work, self-imposed and self-denying toil, but undoubtedly a labour of love in both cases, have fortunately been specially rich and full of the highest interest and intrinsic value to our beloved branch of science, and the good deeds that have been accomplished by the two eminent men who have so recently been taken from our midst, while yet in the full vigour of manhood, will live for ever, though the authors are no more.

The knowledge, nay, the mere thought, of this will assuredly be of comfort to the bereaved relatives and